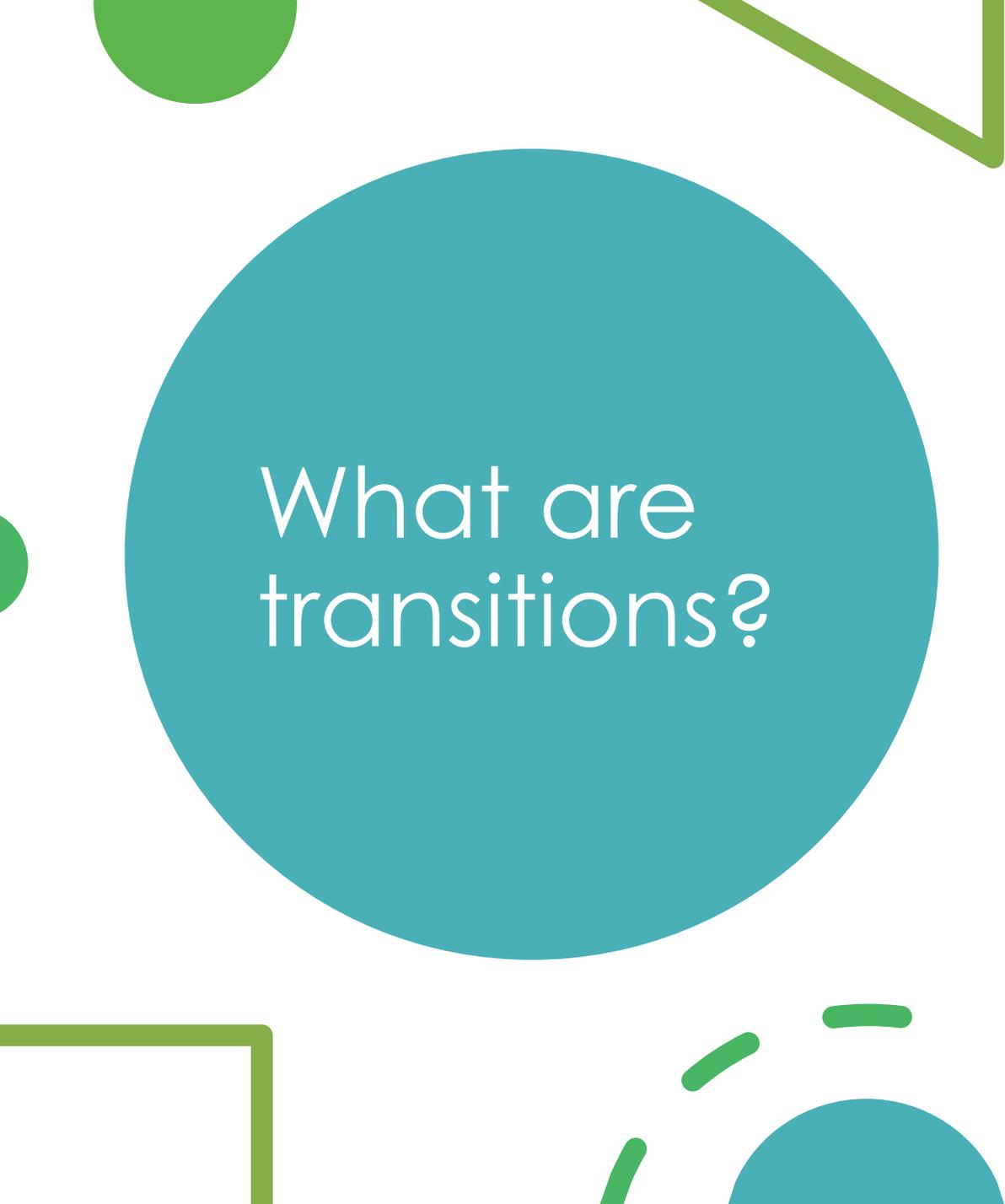


Transition Words and Phrases



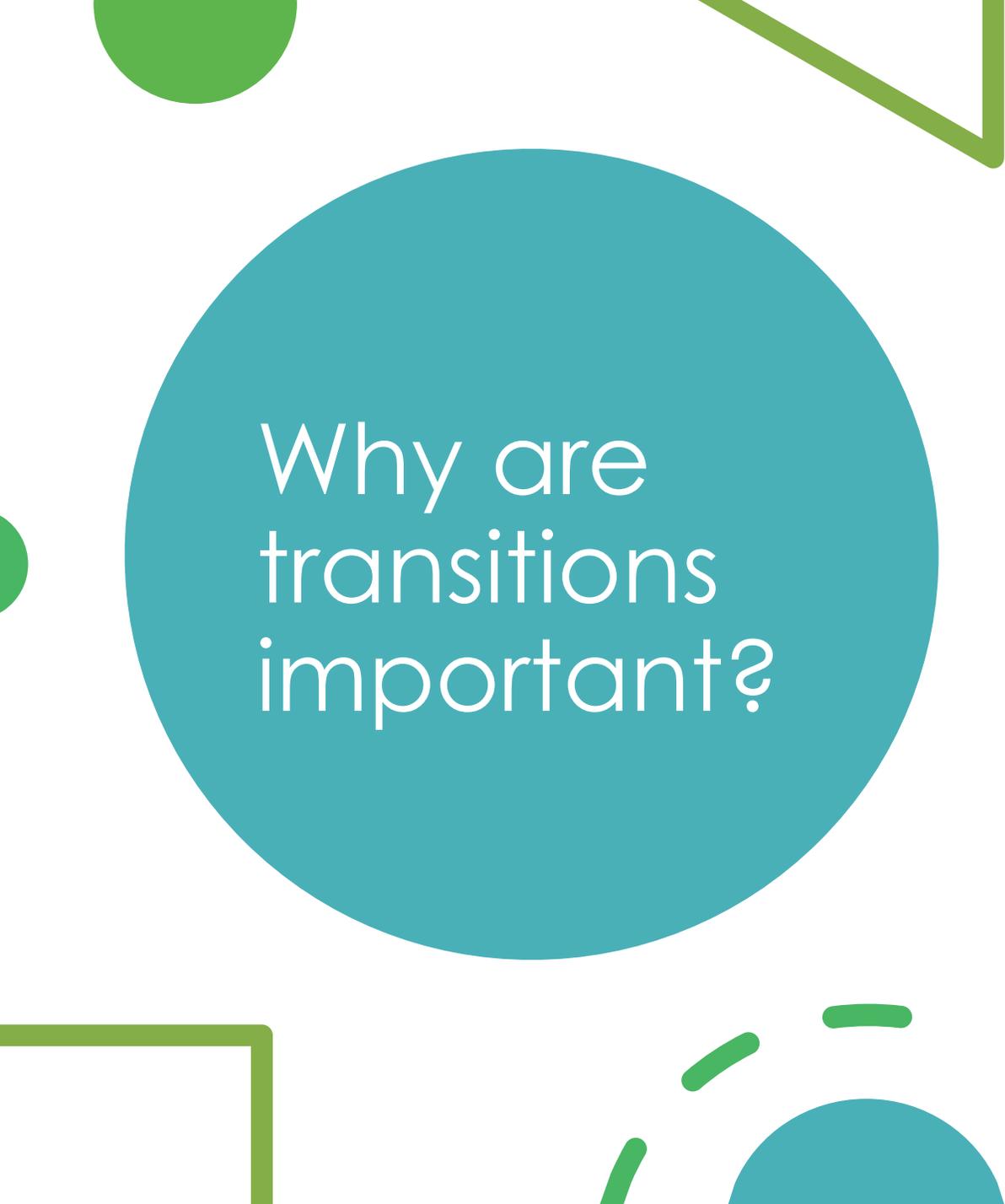


What are transitions?

"In writing, a **transition** is a word or phrase that connects one idea to another. This connection can occur *within* a paragraph or *between* paragraphs. Transitions are used to show how sentences or paragraphs are related to each other and how they relate to the overall theme of the paper."

<https://www.monmouth.edu/resources-for-writers/documents/transitions.pdf/>

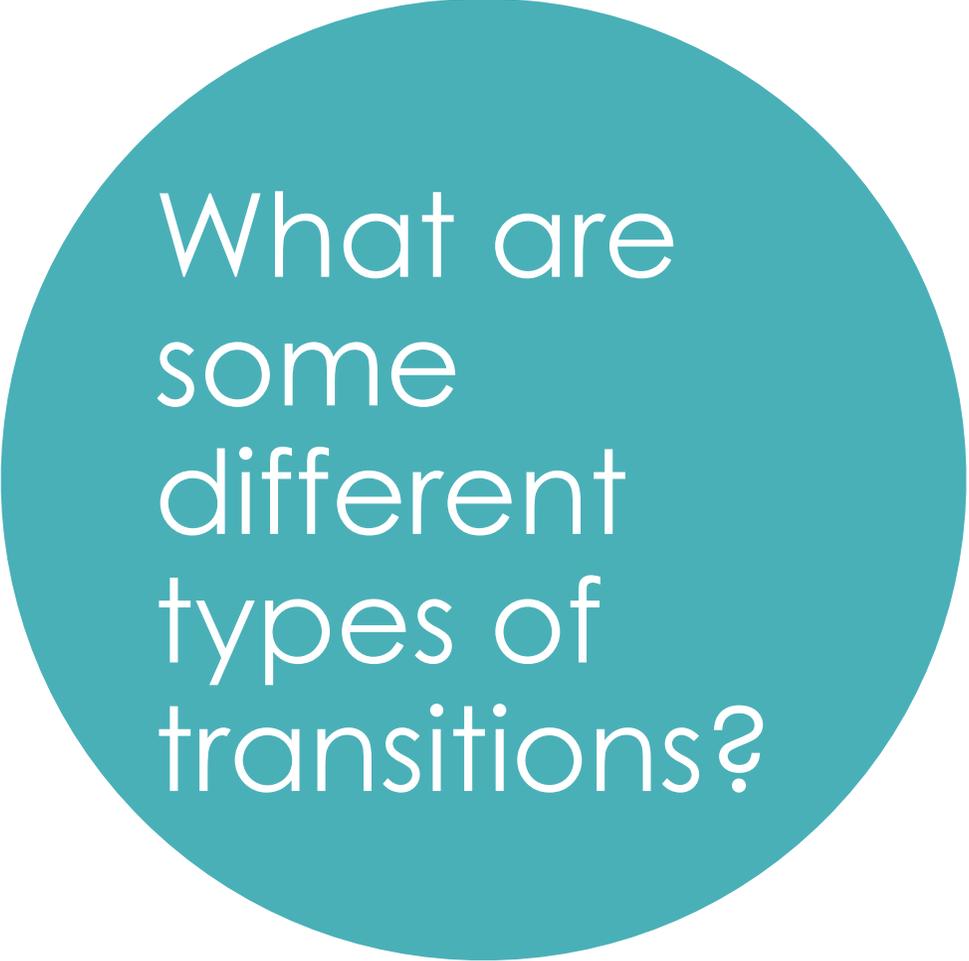




Why are transitions important?

Transitions

- help the flow of a piece of writing
 - help establish the connection between sentences and paragraphs
 - improve readability and clarity
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What are
some
different
types of
transitions?

- Addition
- Consequence
- Contrast
- Emphasis
- Exception
- Details and Examples
- Sequence
- Summary



Let's look at some sample phrases with **transition words** to show you how we can use transitions in our writing!

Addition

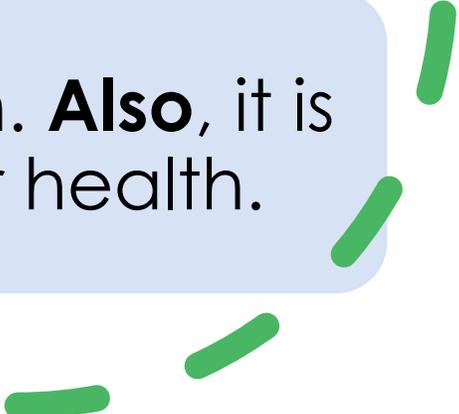
Definition

- When we want to add information or a point to our existing points

Examples

- Again, as a result, besides, similarly, likewise, as well as...

Sample Phrase

- Jogging is fun. **Also**, it is good for your health.
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Consequence

Definition

- When we want to show a cause-and-effect relationship or correlation

Examples

- Accordingly, as a result, because, consequently, due to this, therefore, hence...

Sample Phrase

- It was a hot day **so** my ice cream melted.

Contrast

Definition

- When we want to state a different or contrasting idea.

Examples

- However, on the contrary, nevertheless, or, yet, conversely...

Sample Phrase

- I love going to the beach, **but** I can't swim.

Emphasis

Definition

- When we want to highlight a key point

Examples

- Above all, indeed, of course, surely, truly, in fact...

Sample Phrase

- The lecture was boring, **especially** because it was 3 hours long.

Exception

Definition

- When we want to highlight an inconsistency or anomaly

Examples

- Aside from, besides, except for, exclusive of, other than...

Sample Phrase

- He was perfect, **with the exception** of his taste in shoes.

Details and Examples

Definition

- When we want to illustrate a point with an anecdote

Examples

- Including, to explain, namely, in detail, for instance, specifically, such as...

Sample Phrase

- Vancouver is a rainy city. **For example**, it poured for the entire month of February.

Sequence

Definition

- When we want to identify a time order

Examples

- Firstly, after, then, at last, previously, next, eventually...

Sample Phrase

- **First**, apply a base coat. **Second**, allow to dry.

Summary

Definition

- When we want to restate our main points or conclude

Examples

- In conclusion, to summarize, in short, consequently, finally, accordingly...

Sample Phrase

- **In summary**, I have provided a list of reasons why I hate tomatoes.



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